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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. On 6 December 1962 you made a straightforward "no angles" proposal to Mr. McNamara that certain desirable reorganization changes be effected at NPIC to closer integrate the military effort with that of the Agency. You are aware that NPIC is a national effort for which CIA is the executive agent.
2. On 24 December you received a "Dear John" letter from Mr. Gilpatric (attached) which indicates clearly to me that DOD does not intend to seek your advice or assistance or guidance prior to determining its own unilateral course of action in regard to photo interpretation and NPIC activities in general. This is part of the pattern with which you are familiar, and which cuts directly across your responsibilities to the President as the Director of Central Intelligence.
3. The staff has a copy of the Gilpatric letter for which no immediate reply generated by the staff seems appropriate. However, you may well wish to discuss this at your luncheon today with McNamara and Gilpatric.



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